GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4171
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TESTING OF BT. COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bt. Cotton was producted on experimental basis in Anandwan College of Agriculture in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the result of this testing has not been found satisfactory;

(c) if so, the details of the results thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The results of this testing were found to be satisfactory.

(c) So far, 255 Kg seed cotton from one-acre plot has been harvested and the level of American bollworm infestation was below economic threshold level.

(d) The team from Central Institute of Cotton Research, Nagpur of ICAR visited the site and examined the factslt did not find significant damage to the crop by American bollworm.